

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 7-8, 12-13, 17, 21, 26-31, 33-35, 53, 55, 56-57 and 59 have been amended. Claim 36 has been canceled. Claim 61 has been added. Claims 1, 3-17, 20-31 and 33-61 are pending. Claims 37-52 are withdrawn from consideration.

The claim objections are overcome by the present amendments.

The rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103 are now discussed.

At item 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner relies upon Young, Ellis and Davis. Using independent claim 1 as an example, this claim recites displaying a display bar representing a total program broadcasting time of the currently viewed program, the beginning time being below a left-most end of the display bar, the program terminating time being below a right-most end of the display bar, and the current time being below the display bar at a position corresponding to the program progress time. These features are illustrated, for example, in present Fig. 4.

In contrast, Young teaches the current time (11:00 in Fig. 10 of the reference) is remote from the time bar 72. Furthermore, Young does not teach numerical start and finish times in the vicinity of the time bar, but instead teaches 'S' and 'F'. Ellis and Davis do not teach a time bar.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 is requested. Independent claims 7 and 12 recite somewhat similar features.

Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that there would have been no motivation to combine Young and Ellis as set forth by the Examiner. The problem addressed in Young is the difficulty of setting a VCR for automatic recording at a future date. Young, col. 1, ln. 47-53. Young generally relates to facilitating the process of recording future programming by allowing the user to access a scheduling guide. Young, col. 1, ln. 20-30.

Ellis identifies the problem of electronic systems being cumbersome to use. Ellis, col. 1, ln. 39-40. Ellis proposes the solution of introducing the "scan" feature to the EPG, thereby automatically cycling through the programs being received. Ellis, col. 2, ln. 15-17.

Thus, if Young were modified according to the teachings of Ellis, the result would have been a scheduling guide for recording future programming which scans. However, Ellis teaches no advantages of modifying Young to include, for example, numerical start and end times.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

At item 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner also relies upon Jennings Jr. However, the combination of these cited references fails to teach or suggest all of the features of the claimed invention. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

Independent claim 1 also recites the time information and the display bar are displayed transiently for a predetermined time when the user issues the display command set in said setting the command and disappear after said predetermined time has elapsed. In contrast, the time bar 72 of Young is not transient.

New claim 60 recites moving the current time relative to the display bar according to the program progress time. It is noted that claim 1, from which claim 60 depends, recites displaying the time information in numerical format. In contrast, Young teaches the current time is stationary. Young, Fig. 10. Specifically, the time "11:00" remains in the same position. Similarly, the times illustrated in Fig. 11A of Ellis are stationary.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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